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Ex parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Portals II, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Section 63.71 Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a/ AT&T Tennessee, Section 63.63 Application Of AT&T Tennessee For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, To Discontinue the Provision of Service, WC Docket No. 17-47

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 22, 2017, Frank Simone, Terri Hoskins, Sean McMillon, and the undersigned, all of AT&T, met with the following Commission Staff: Rodney McDonald, Terri Natoli, Michele Berlove, Zach Ross, John Visclosky. We discussed the PowerPoint deck attached hereto as “Attachment A,” which summarizes AT&T’s service restoral plan at the Gatlinburg, TN wire center, a part of which was destroyed by a November 2016 forest fire that spread to the resort town. We also discussed AT&T’s decision to replace damaged copper facilities at three Distribution Areas (DAs) with fiber, thus providing the capability for a wide array of advance IP-based services that were not available prior to the fire.

We further explained that when service capability is restored, customers that had service prior to the fire will be able to receive the same service, and that certain legacy TDM services to which no customers subscribed before the fire will be discontinued. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ola Oyefusi

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Gatlinburg, TN Wire Center Service Restoral Update

WC Docket 17-47

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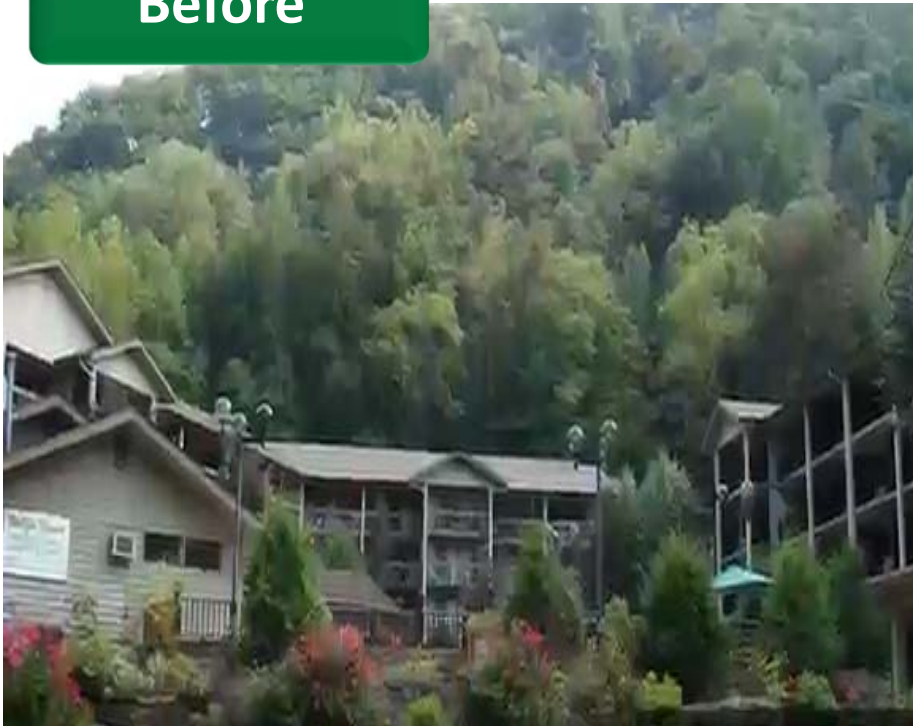
Background

- **November 2016:** Raging Fire at a resort area in Tennessee
 - 5 days to contain
 - 14,000 residents and visitors evacuated
 - 14 deaths
- **Area Size:** more than 17,000 acres, approximately 2,500 homes and businesses were destroyed, including AT&T's copper facilities
- **Emergency Discontinuance:** AT&T filed Section 63.63 application on February 1, 2017 seeking emergency authorization to suspend AT&T Tennessee's interstate telecommunications services

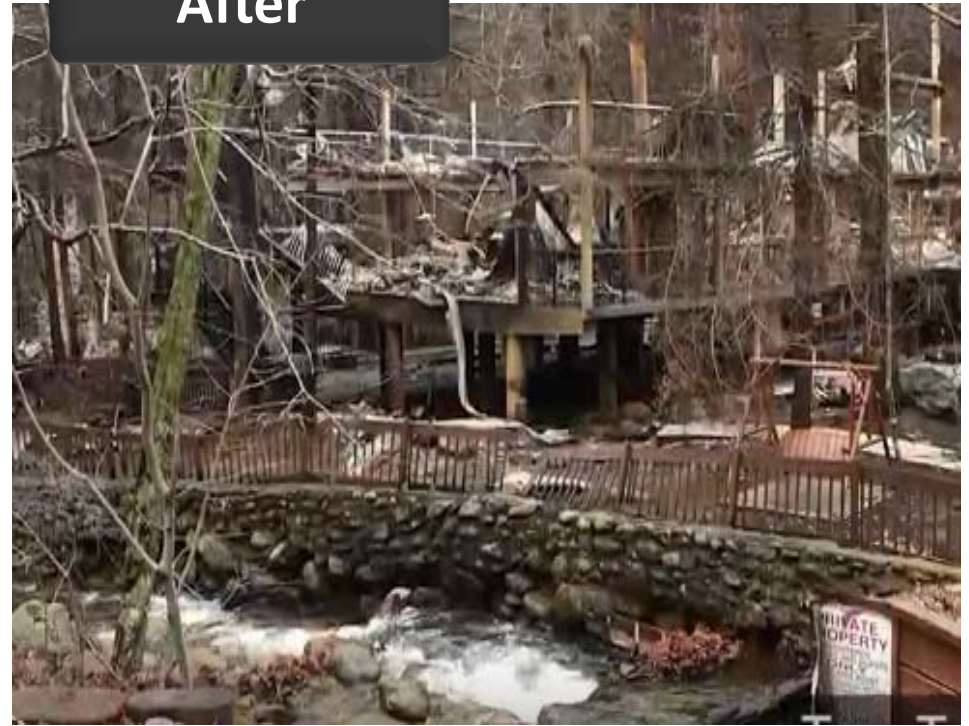


Destruction of a Smokey Mountains Tourist Town, Gatlinburg TN

Before



After



Impact on AT&T

Fire affected parts of AT&T's Gatlinburg Wire Center:

- Out of a total of 49 Distribution Areas (DA), copper facilities in 12 DAs were affected
- In 9 of the 12 DAs, the copper facilities were repairable, and service capability was restored
- More significant damage in 3 DAs – copper irreparable



AT&T's Path Forward

Restoral Plan for 3 DAs:

- AT&T will replace copper in the 3 DAs with Fiber, using Gigabit Passive Optical Network (GPON) configuration – consistent with our plan towards an all-IP future, and FCC's goal to increase broadband deployment.
- The network construction is projected to be completed by end of 3Q 2017.
- Existing services that work over GPON will continue to be offered.



Gatlinburg Wire Center Service Restoral Summary

50 Interstate services offered in Gatlinburg:

- 39 services will continue to be offered
- 7 services to be discontinued via 214 process (no customers prior to the fire)
- 4 services already discontinued via 214 process

Interstate Services to be Discontinued:

1. Metallic Service (aka BellSouth SPA Metallic)
2. Telegraph Grade Services (aka BellSouth SPA Telegraph)
3. Voice Grade Service (aka BellSouth SPA DS0 VG Service)
4. Program Audio Service (aka BellSouth SPA Program Audio)
5. Digital Data (aka BellSouth SPA DS0 Digital Data) Access Service
6. High Capacity Service (aka BellSouth SPA High Capacity), includes 64.0 Kbps, 3.152 Mbps, 6.312 Mbps
7. Derived Data Channel (aka BellSouth SPA Derived Data Channel) Service

